



# San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden

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## Upcoming Events

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10 AM to 1 PM

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9 AM to 11 AM

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1 PM to 3 PM

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Succulent Wreath Workshop  
10 AM to 1 PM

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Kids' Garden Cooking  
10 AM to 1 PM

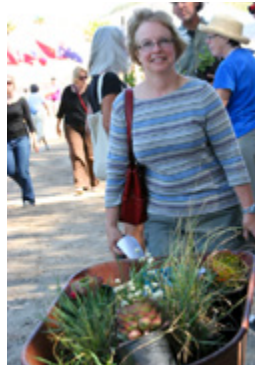
**Saturday, November 22**  
Good-Bye Gophers  
1 PM to 3 PM

**Saturday, December 6**  
Gingerbread Workshop  
11 AM to 3 PM

**Saturday, December 13**  
Bristlecone Pines  
1 PM to 3 PM

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## FALL PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, October 4, 10 AM to 1 PM**, members only hour at 9 AM

The rains are coming and there is no better time to start thinking about gardening here on the Central Coast than right now. Join us at the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden's semi-annual plant sale on October 4 from 10 AM to 1 PM, with a Garden Members Only hour starting at 9 AM, and free admission into El Chorro Regional Park for everyone!

**Learn something new-** This is more than just a plant sale! It is an opportunity to learn more about your climate region and see a multitude of plant species that thrive in this area. Our plants are well suited to our climate and are drought resistant, so be sure to wander through our Garden to get inspiration for your own landscaping!

**Get expert advice-** Are you having specific plant problems or need advice? Come talk with our experts and find out what plants would work best for your situation. And don't forget to grab a free cup of coffee to sip on while you "talk garden"!

**Find great deals-** Pay reasonable prices and support a good cause at the same time! We rely on our members and guests to support us and our work in the community. All plants will be TAX-FREE to the public from 10 AM to 1 PM. Garden members not only get an hour of Garden Members Only shopping for the best selection, they also get an additional 15% off all plant purchases!

Also, be sure to peruse our lightly-used gardening book sale at the Greenhouse and Family Fall Festival from 10 AM - 1 PM in the Children's Garden.

For more info and availability list of this year's plants, visit [slobg.org/sale](http://slobg.org/sale).

## Family Fall Festival

**October 4, 10 AM to 1 PM**

Enjoy the changing season with your family at our outdoor, hands-on crafting and planting fall festival! Paint your own pumpkin, make a Halloween mask, build a scarecrow and take home your own plant at this fundraiser benefitting the Children's Garden and educational programs.



Photo by Neomi Vembu

Activity tickets available for purchase at the Children's Garden entrance. For more info visit [slobg.org/fallfest](http://slobg.org/fallfest) or contact [education@slobg.org](mailto:education@slobg.org).

Special thanks to Cal Poly Horticulture Department, Avila Valley Barn, and Trader Joe's for making this event spectacular!

## Fruits from Far and Wide

**Saturday, October 11, 1 PM - 3 PM**  
with Professor John Veres

You will be surprised at the diversity and ingenuity of fruiting plants. You'll never look at fruits the same way after this presentation.

Photos courtesy of Wikipedia



Professor John Veres will provide an interesting presentation on the structure and diversity of fruiting plants. Fruits account for a substantial fraction of the world's agricultural output, and some have acquired extensive cultural and symbolic meanings. Some fruits are so bizarre they wouldn't be recognized as such.

*John S. Veres received a Ph.D. degree in Botany from Duke University. After his dissertation work, John completed a post-doctorate research project involving Magnetic Resonance Imaging of live plants at Duke University Medical Center. John went on to work as senior scientist for a biotechnology company before returning to teaching. Since 1999, John has taught biology classes at Cuesta College.*

Donations are appreciated for the presentation. Followed at 2 PM by a free docent-led tour of the Garden. For more info visit [slobg.org/fruit](http://slobg.org/fruit).

## Audubon Bird Walk

**Saturday, October 18, 9 AM - 11 AM**  
with Marlin Harms and Kyle Weichert

October is prime time for rare migrants when nearly *anything* can show up.

San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden is pleased to welcome Marlin Harms of the Morro Coast Audubon Society for a birding walk through the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden and the surrounding environs including El Chorro Regional Park, Dairy Creek, the Bluebird Trail, and the grassy hillsides. We will look for returning wintering birds and fall migrants including sparrows, warblers, raptors, and others. Walk will begin near Garden entrance.

*Marlin has been a birder and Audubon Society member for decades. He's been a field trip leader for the Morro Bay*

*Winter Bird Festival since its inception in the 1990's. He is a recognized photographer of birds and many of his photos were used in a local wildflower book. Marlin has led many bird walks and has begun giving natural history programs for traveling groups through Raven Interpretive Services.*

Walk is \$5 for Garden members/\$10 non-members. No reservations required.

For more info visit [slobg.org/bird](http://slobg.org/bird).



Photos by Mike Baird and MCAS

## Kids' Fall Herb Laboratory

**Saturday, October 25, 1 PM - 3 PM**  
with Lindsey Collinsworth

**Play, Explore and Investigate the Natural World!**

Fragrant herbs have been used for centuries for culinary, medicinal, and ornamental purposes. Join us in the Children's Garden as we learn the history of common herbs, how to harvest and process them into great smelling and delicious treats. We'll make crafts and learn basic herbal preparations. For kids grade 3 and up. **Limited class size.**

*Lindsey is the Education Manager at the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden. She is a graduate of the Herb Pharm*

*internship located in Williams, Oregon and loves growing edible and medicinal herbs.*

Material fee is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. **Reservations required.** Email [education@slobg.org](mailto:education@slobg.org). For more info visit [slobg.org/kidslab](http://slobg.org/kidslab).



Photos by Morgan Geiger

**Garden Wish List:** iPad (2nd generation or newer), gravel or decomposed granite, half wine barrels, laser printer paper, red bricks, bowling balls, and gardening tools for kids and adults!



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to benefit future  
generations.**

**-Caecilius Statius**

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Ron Barbieri D.D.S.



Photos by Jayne Devencenzi

## Succulent Wreath Workshop

**Saturday, November 8, 10 AM to 1 PM,**

**Why not make your own living wreath this year? You can hang it or use it as a centerpiece. With care, it will last for years. Succulents are low maintenance and easy to grow.**

All materials are provided for this hands-on class where you will learn how to make your own succulent wreath. If you grow succulents and would like to bring cuttings to share, that would be great! (Please cut at least 2-3 days before the class to allow the cut to "harden or scab").

The cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members.

For more info visit [slobg.org/wreath](http://slobg.org/wreath). The class size is limited, so register early by sending an email to [education@slobg.org](mailto:education@slobg.org).

*Jayne Devencenzi, jewelry designer and retired school counselor, first began gardening with her father 60+ years ago. At a young age she couldn't wait to have her own piece land so she could begin growing her own vegetables and flowers. When she and her husband moved to SLO over 40 years ago, they bought bare land just outside the city limits. They soon realized they had quite the growing challenge fending off deer, birds, bunnies and gophers! Decades later, they continue to learn how to grow plants in their drought tolerant, succulent filled landscape.*

## Garden Fresh Cooking Class

**November 15, 1 PM to 3:30 PM**

The Garden partners with Cal Poly health and nutrition advocates STRIDE in a family-style cooking class. This is a great class for children and guardians to discover the joy of cooking fresh-from-the-garden meals, and features local organic produce. We'll harvest some vegetables from the Children's Garden, and then whip up a delicious meal for the family to share. Taste fun and creative recipes prepared by your kids and learn tricks and tips for creating an edible backyard garden.

Class is age appropriate for 2-6 grade kids and guardians of all ages.

Class is \$25 for child and guardian, additional \$5 per family member.

Garden Members receive \$5 discount. Scholarships available.

Contact [education@slobg.org](mailto:education@slobg.org) to sign up.

For more info visit [slobg.org/kids-cooking](http://slobg.org/kids-cooking).

*The SLO Natural Foods Co-Op is the official food sponsor of this wonderful cooking class. Visit the SLO Natural Foods Co-Op to find great seasonal foods. Scholarships are provided by the Central Coast Funds for Children.*



Photo by Aaron Brevan

## Good-Bye Gophers!

**Saturday, November 22, 1 PM - 3 PM**

with Master Gardener Tami Reese

Are your plants disappearing in the night? Has your favorite shrub been chewed to a stump? Little mounds popping up in your garden and you don't know what to do? Don't worry, we've got an expert! Learn more about vertebrate pests, how to control them using different types of traps, and how to encourage natural predators.

*Tami Reese has been a UCCE Master Gardener of San Luis Obispo County for 3 years. Tami has 2 1/2 acres with a 400 square foot vegetable garden. She is constantly trapping or trying other methods to rid her property of gophers, ground squirrels and voles.*

Presentation is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Followed at 2 PM by a free docent-led tour of the Garden. For more info visit [slobg.org/gopher](http://slobg.org/gopher).



Photos courtesy of UC Regents

## Debbie's Corner Fire Safe Garden Receives Community Support!

by Operations Director Debbie Hoover

The Garden is thankful for the community support received from local companies who have donated their professional services. I would like to recognize and thank Leonard Lenger (Jensen-Lenger), Steve Souza (Souza Construction, Inc.), Rick Mathews (Madrone Landscapes) and Turko Semmes (Semmes & Company Builders).

Mr. Lenger donated his time and expertise to survey the pathways and returned again to set out markers necessary

for grading. Souza Construction, Inc. will provide pathway layout and excavation. Rick Mathews and Turko Semmes are working on a re-design of the pergola structure with a wooden design that will better fit the projects grant funding and existing structures. These professionals have donated their services to make this garden a reality.

I'd like to also recognize our volunteers who have given their precious time and expertise to this project: Sandra Adams, Ken Levine, Ron Kindig, Janet Melbourne, Jim Patterson, Marti Rutherford, Eve Vigil, Jan von Engel, and many more.

Today I picked up the permit for the installation of the Fire Safe Demonstration Garden from SLO County Building and Planning. With permit in hand, we can begin grading, building the paths and planting!

## Plant of the Season Hot Colors for a Cool Season

by Ron Kindig, *Volunteer*

The Red Hot Poker lives up to its name with its brilliant red blooms. Blooms start in spring and can last most of the year in our mild climate. Many cultivars give us showy golds, oranges, and mixes. Use it as an accent, in a container, on a slope, as a border, and near oak trees (it needs little water). Its leaves and roots hold moisture well, so it also makes a good fire-resistant plant.

It grows well in full sun, but it will tolerate a little shade too. Make sure the soil drains well, another reason it likes slopes. However, it is also found in grassy meadows.

Hummingbirds love it; their long bills can reach its nectar. Deer do not prefer it; but don't forget that deer will eat most anything they can see or get to!

*Kniphofia uvaria* was chosen for the Garden's 128 of Our Best 2014, which includes plant photos, descriptions,

and uses of 128 of the Garden's best plants for summer-dry landscapes. This book is available in Eve's Garden Shop. Find out more about our plants at our website at [slobg.org/what-we-grow](http://slobg.org/what-we-grow).

Photos by Ron Kindig



Specimens of *Kniphofia uvaria* are available at the Fall Plant Sale, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At other times, check at Eve's Garden Shop.